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## **Senate Majority Leader Sikkema Announces Staff Reorganization**

*Melissa Samuel named chief of staff*

**Lansing** - Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, today announced Melissa Samuel will be his next chief of staff when Suzanne Allen leaves later this month.

Sikkema also announced the promotion of Bill Sullivan and Ari Adler to deputy chiefs of staff.

Samuel, who has worked for Sikkema for nearly 10 years, has been the senator's deputy chief of staff and legislative director since 1998. Samuel started her career on the 1990 campaign of state Sen. Jon Cisky. She holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Sullivan, who has served Sikkema as special counsel since January 2003, will move into the position of deputy chief of staff and legislative director. Prior to joining Sikkema's staff, he served as chief of staff for state Sen. Loren Bennett. Sullivan holds a law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan - Dearborn.

Adler has been appointed to deputy chief of staff and will continue his duties as press secretary. Prior to joining Sikkema's staff in October 2004, Adler was media services director for the Senate Majority Communications Office. Adler holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

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